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Judge James J Wegmann, Master-In-Equity

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THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT

Of whom Geraldine White is the Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PAY FILING FEE

COMES NOW the Appellant, pro se, and respectfully moves this Court for an extension of forty-five (45) days to pay the appellate filing fee of \$450.00, and states as follows:

1. The appellant timely filed a Notice of Appeal in this matter.
2. Appellant also filed a Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, which was denied by Order of this Court.
3. Appellant has limited income and financial hardship and is actively attempting to secure the funds necessary to pay the filing fee.
4. Appellant is simultaneously filing a Motion for Reconsideration of the Order denying in forma pauperis status.
5. Good cause exists for an extension pursuant to Rule 263, SCACR, and denial of additional time would result in severe prejudice by causing dismissal of the appeal based solely on inability to immediately pay the fee.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension of forty-five (45) days to pay the appellate filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER DENYING  
MOTION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

COMES NOW the Appellant, pro se, and respectfully moves this Court to reconsider its Order denying Appellant’s Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, and states:

1. Appellant is indigent and lacks sufficient income or assets to pay the appellate filing fee without substantial hardship.
2. Appellant proceeds pro se and relies on limited financial resources for basic necessities including housing, food, and utilities.
3. Denial of in forma pauperis status effectively prevents Appellant from obtaining appellate review and access to the courts based solely on financial inability.
4. Appellant submits updated financial information for the Court's consideration (attached, if applicable).
5. Appellant respectfully requests the Court reconsider its ruling in the interest of justice and fundamental fairness.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court vacate its prior order and grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION OF INDIGENCY**

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## DECLARATION OF INDIGENCY

I, Geraldine White, hereby submit this Declaration of Indigency in support of my Motion

to Proceed In Forma Pauperis pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court

Rules. I state as follows:

1. I am unable to pay the filing fees and costs associated with this appeal. I do not have sufficient income, assets, or resources to pay the appellate filing fees without depriving myself of basic necessities.

2. Income:

My monthly income is approximately \$2,250.

3. Employment / Age:

I am currently unemployed and 83 years old.

4. Assets:

I possess no liquid assets because it was taken from me at the closing on January 10, 2025.

5. Monthly Expenses:

My total monthly expenses are approximately \$2,000, and I respectfully request that my expenses not be itemized.

6. Dependents:

I do not support any dependents.

Total monthly payments: \$2,000.

7. Inability to Pay:

Based on my financial circumstances, I am unable to pay the appellate filing fee. I respectfully request permission to proceed In Forma Pauperis in this matter.

**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 20th day of January, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

COMES NOW Defendants Geraldine White (“Movant”), by special appearance  
and without waiving any defenses, and respectfully certify to this Honorable Court that I

have served all counsel of record a copy of Motion Of Extension of Time To Pay Filing Fee and Motion to Reconsider Motion To Proceed Forma Pauperis on January 20, 2026 by depositing in the U.S.P.S. receptacle prepaid with proper postage and/or via electronic media (email).

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